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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: M.J. Yancey et al. Attorney Docket No.: WEYE118528/24380C
Application No.: 10/051,392 Group Art Unit: 3749
Filed: January 16, 2002 Examiner: T.C. Nguyen
Title: SYSTEM FOR MAKING DRIED SINGULATED CROSSLINKED
CELLULOSE PULP FIBERS

AMENDMENT A

Seattle, Washington 98101

July 24, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is filed in reply to the communication dated April 24, 2003, from the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

Please cancel Claims 2-4 and 12 reserving the right to file continuing applications directed thereto.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Seattle, Washington 98101

July 24, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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A. Amendment Transmittal

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- _____ 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.
X 2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	14	-	20	=	0	x	18	=	0
Independent Claims	5	-	3	=	2	x	84	=	168
TOTAL									\$168

B. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 149718 in the amount of \$168.00 to cover the amendment claim fee.

C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any

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overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTENSEN O'CONNOR
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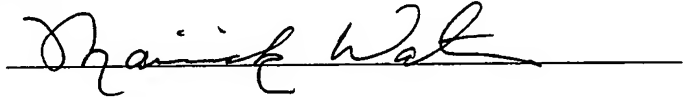
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